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Letter dated 22 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

Your attention is drawn to Economic and Social Council decision 2000/218 entitled "Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights", which was adopted by the Council without a vote on 16 June 2000 on the recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights as contained in its resolution 2000/9. Germany was the main sponsor of that resolution.

Unfortunately, for technical reasons originating in the Secretariat, the text that was before the Economic and Social Council at the time of adoption of its decision 2000/218 did not fully correspond to the final text of the recommendation as approved by the Commission on Human Rights and contained in paragraph 7 (c) of resolution 2000/9.

Therefore, the correct version of Economic and Social Council decision 2000/218 should read as follows:

> "At its 10th plenary meeting, on 16 June 2000, the Economic and Social Council, having taken note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2000/9 of 17 April 2000, endorsed the Commission's decision to appoint, for a period of three years, a special rapporteur whose mandate will focus on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, as reflected in article 25, paragraph 1, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 11, paragraph 1, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and article 27, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and on the right to non-discrimination as reflected in article 14 (h) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and article 5 (e) of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The Council also endorsed the Commission's request to the United Nations High

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Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all necessary resources for the effective fulfilment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur."

In view of the above, I would suggest that the Economic and Social Council, without reopening the consideration of the matter, take note of this technical error and agree to include the correct text of its decision 2000/218 in the final compilation of Council resolutions and decisions adopted in the year 2000.

I would kindly request you to circulate the present letter as a document of the substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council. A copy of this letter is also being forwarded to the Chairperson and other members of the Bureau of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(*Signed*) Dieter **Kastrup**